

to yield to the urgent applications, made in behalf of an individual laboring under a violent form of mania, and to admit the same on the 22d of February. This individual, we are happy to say, was the first to be discharged some few months afterwards, entirely restored.

From the date of the first admission, to this time, a period of eight months and nine days, there have been received into the asylum fifty-one males and thirty-nine females, making a total of ninety during that period. Of these a large number have been laboring under insanity for periods varying from one to thirty years; some of them during that time have, it is feared, been confined in most unsuitable places of security, but such as the exigencies of their cases in the opinion of friends, and with the limited means at command, enabled them to provide for the security of both; others have been tenants of poor houses, where they have been either chained to the floor of their apartments, or confined to the dark and damp room of a cellar; while the much larger portion have been kept in the cells of the county prisons.

The effect upon the physical condition of many, as might be inferred under such protracted confinement, and sedentary life, has been highly deleterious by impairing the vital energies of the constitution, attended with loss of strength and flesh; and at the same time to fasten in a hopeless form upon the mind their several delusions. One of these unfortunate individuals, who was more noisy than "dangerous," and had been confined to a small space encased in what was described as a "cage," under the fear of personal violence to her friends, and who, from long disease of her lower extremities, came reeling into the house under the weight of even her attenuated form, has now after a few months residence so far regained her flesh and strength as to be with difficulty recognized as the same individual, and has been sufficiently calmed to justify us in giving her free access daily to the halls upon which her apartment opens, and to enjoy other privileges in common with those of the same class, not inconsistent with their and her own comfort.

Other instances, were they necessary, might be furnished